

WEARE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
November 9, 2004

Present: Tom Reynolds, Chuck Metcalf, John Nikias, Jim Blouin, Bob Thomas, Allyson Gourley

Meeting started at 6:48 pm.

I. Non-public: Interviews for Gate keeper and Assistant Gatekeeper for Chase Park

Public: 7:39 pm.

II. Weare Athletic Club: Brian McDonald introduced himself as the new WAC President. Issues discussed included:

- Scheduling of the athletic fields
- Repairing the dugout seats and bleachers at Purington field
- Re-establishment of the PARC CIP Funds
- Fence pads given to us from Boston College

Brian emphasized that he wanted to maintain open communication between the WAC and PARC.

III. Review of Minutes: Minutes from our last meeting unanimously approved.

IV. Public Comment: None

V. Gate House Update: Chuck informed the commission that he had received a check (approx. \$2,800.) for repairing the gate house at Chase Park. Chuck said he would like to pursue bids for replacing the existing structure. He also suggested adding a second door to the exit side of the gate house.

VI. Chase Park Erosion Project::

Project scheduled to start this Saturday. Carl Knapp is going to assist with the project. Carl was able to obtain some materials that WAC had left over from a project. Volunteers should meet at Chase Park at 8:00.

VII. Budget Update:

Chuck discussed the budget he plans to request from the selectmen compared with the default budget. He told the commission that \$3,000. for an exotic weed inspector will be included in next years budget in either case. Chuck's requested budget is approximately \$49,000. (not including the \$3,000. For a weed inspector). Last years budget was \$43,000.

Tom Reynolds asked if PARC's costs were going to go over our budget for the

year? Chuck told him that it was going to be very close; he estimated approximately \$100 either way. Chuck mentioned that it would be beneficial to have line item costs taken out quarterly, so that costs could be gauged more accurately.

Chuck also explained that not having a capital reserve fund hurts us when something goes wrong, emergency expenses have to come out of the operating budget.

VIII. Directors Report:

Jim Blouin recognized Daniel Harpel for the fine work he did building a new lifeguard chair for Chase Park. Daniel built the new lifeguard chair as an Eagle Scout project. The new chair will be a much needed improvement at the Park.

Other issues discussed included:

- Hockey tickets - Jim said he isn't able to purchase Monarchs tickets at this time due to budget constraints.
- Cost for adding the Skateboard Park Rules to both sides of the sign.
- Sunday indoor volleyball at John Stark costs \$20. Per day. Jim would like to look into PARC picking up this cost after the new budget is approved
- Contact Martha - irrigation lines need to be drained for winter.
- Discussion of lawn care bids - Next Tuesday at 6:00 at Town Hall was selected to interview potential lawn care companies.
- John Nikias asked if we could vote to appropriate money for a Halloween Party next year. Bob Thomas suggested we start a list of activities to prioritize for next year.

Non-public at 9:26 to discuss the candidates interviewed.

Public

Chuck made a motion to hire Kathy Robichaud for the Head Gate Keeper position at Chase Park. Allyson second. Approved unanimous.

Chuck made a motion to hire Sally Eldridge as Assistant Gate Keeper at Chase Park. John second. Approved unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm.